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Lincoln Memorial Garden to Be Constructed at Lake By Garden Club of Illinois

The Garden Club of Illinois has been enlisted to sponsor the construction of a beautiful garden covering 40 acres on the shoreline of Lake Springfield to be known as the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden. It will be a fitting tribute to the martyred president who during his life chose Springfield as his home and following his untimely death was buried here, making the city the mecca of travelers from all corners of the world.

The idea of the memorial garden originated in Springfield in the local Civic Garden association and has had the hearty endorsement of city, county, and state officials and all civic groups of the city.

The enterprise has the full co-operation of the National Council of State Garden clubs and Lincoln students.

Jens Jensen, noted landscape architect has been elected to draw the memorial.

Selection of the garden site is to be made from four tracts of marginal land offered by the city of Springfield to the Garden Club of Illinois for that purpose. Mr. Jensen is to come to Springfield in the near future to select the site with Mrs. T. J. Knudson, chairman of the project, and her committee which includes Governor Henry Horner; Mrs. Euclid Snow of Hinsdale, president of the club; Mrs. Raymond Knotts of Berwyn, publicity chairman; Mrs. Paul F. Taft, board member of the local garden association; Logan Hay, president of the Abraham Lincoln association; and James M. Graham, president of the local association.

Each of the proposed garden spots include from 20 to 40 acres. The one most likely to be chosen is composed

of 40 acres about a mile and one-half south of the proposed cottage area, overlooking the broadest expanse of the lake. Two of the sites are farther south near the tourist camp, and the other is just south of the recreation center and Fox road bridge which is to be known as the Vachel Lindsay Memorial bridge.

It is hoped that various states, through their federated garden clubs, as well as other countries and individuals, will be represented in the memorial. Some have indicated a wish to express themselves in a grouping of shrubs and trees, others by bronze tablets recording words of Lincoln, while others would like to place seats where visitors may rest and meditate on the life and ideals of Abraham Lincoln.

An attractive booklet introducing the project has been compiled by Mrs. Knudson and will be available to all members of the Springfield Civic Garden association. Membership cards may be obtained from representatives of the association Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Chamber of Commerce office and in Mrs. Robie's bookshop after Wednesday. Booklets were mailed Saturday to presidents of all garden clubs in the United States, horticultural societies in other countries and to Lincoln admirers throughout the world.

Nearly all pictures contained in the book are new. On the cover is a profile view of O'Connor's statue of Lincoln at Second street and Capitol avenue. There is a sketch of Lincoln as a young man by Romaine Proctor, a picture of the old state capitol building, now the court house, Lincoln's tomb in snow, and a number of others.

GARDEN TO BE LINCOLN SHRINE

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12-11-32*

Officials of the Garden Club of Illinois yesterday announced plans for the creation of a forty-acre Abraham Lincoln memorial garden at Springfield.

Jens Jensen, landscape architect, is now drawing plans for the memorial garden, to be located on the shore of the proposed artificial lake in the new 9,000-acre Springfield Park, overlooking Lincoln's home and his monument and tomb.

Only native American trees and shrubbery will be used in the enterprise. Funds are being raised by the 5,000 members of the state organization.

Proceeds from the Chicago flower show of the Garden Club of Illinois at Navy Pier, April 6 to 14, will be used for the project. Gifts of shrubs and trees and many bronze tablets from Lincoln lovers and organizations throughout the world are expected.

The project was suggested by Mrs. T. J. Knudson, director of juniors, Garden Club of Illinois, of which Mrs. Euclid Snow is president.

5/11/1935

Garden clubs throughout the country are naming committees to co-operate in the planting of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial garden, a project of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, at Lake Springfield.

The garden, suggested by the Civic Garden association of Springfield and approved by the city commission and Chamber of Commerce, is being planned by Jens Jensen, landscape architect of international reputation. It will comprise a 50-acre tract of land on hills southeast of the lake. Already beautifully designed by nature, the purpose of Mr. Jensen's plans will be first of all to intensify the natural beauty of the spot.

"Of all the honors which have been awarded me, both in the United States and abroad, I consider this, the drawing of the plans for the Abraham Lincoln Memorial garden, the greatest of them all," Jensen said when discussing plans for the project during one of his recent visits to Springfield.

Plans Not Complete

Plans for the garden are not to be revealed until early this fall, but a hint of the thoughts to be expressed with shrubs and trees and flowers was given some time ago by Mr. Jensen.

Referring to the Sangamon river country, he said, "The spirit of Abraham Lincoln touches every tree and every flower. To be true to his name, this garden must sing the song of America. It must be true to itself, true to its native land. The plan must be simple but great in conception and still within the scope of a garden as we understand it.

"In centuries to come our descendants will enjoy and cherish this garden, therefore only plants, the most fitting and enduring as proven by nature through untold centuries of elimination, must be used—trees that will give dignity and nobility to the garden in ripe old age and scatter their seeds and produce their offspring as far as man's vision goes, in the distant tomorrow.

"This garden must have loveliness and repose. Love alone must direct its course. Here all life indigenous to the region should find a sanctuary in which young and old can learn what tolerance and love for mute life means, where they may feel and understand the power and purpose of creation—mankind's greatest gift—one with creation—one with God. Situated as the garden is, on the margin of a lake, an opportunity for a variety in plants is great. This makes for a richer bird life.

"I know of no idea more noble or more fitting as a memory for our Great American than a garden. Monuments and statuary are but cold material. Growing things are life—eternal youth."

The site for the garden was chosen by Mr. Jensen and Commissioner Willis J. Spaulding, with Mrs. T. J. Knudson and other members of the committee who went carefully over four tracts of land before electing the spot. It is located on

the old Newcomer farm, one and one-half miles south of the Vachel Lindsay Memorial bridge across the lake. From the site one may look across the water toward Lincoln's home, his monument and many places in Springfield dear to the memory of the martyred president.

5,000 Aid in State

One hundred and twenty local garden clubs are included in the Garden Club of Illinois, whose 5,000 members are raising funds for the project. The special committee in charge includes Mrs. T. J. Knudson, chairman; Mrs. Euclid B. Snow, Hinsdale, president; Mrs. Raymond Knotts, Berwyn, publicity chairman; Governor Henry Horner; Logan Hay, president of the Abraham Lincoln association; James M. Graham, president of the local club.

The enterprise has been endorsed by the National Council of State Garden clubs, Lincoln students, statesmen and various groups throughout this country and in Europe. Nearly all of the numerous letters expressing appreciation of the project have asked to know the way in which the individual or group may best assist with it. Some have indicated a wish to express themselves in a group of shrubs and trees, others by bronze tablets recording utterances of Lincoln, while others wish to place seats in the garden where visitors may rest.

Attractive booklets compiled by Mrs. Knudson to present the aims of the project were sent to Lincoln students and garden clubs throughout the world and requests for the booklet were received from many collectors.

Among those sending letters to Mrs. Knudson in appreciation of the project are Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, David Lloyd George, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay, Henry Ford, William Randolph Hearst, Mrs. Robert Lincoln, M. H. McIntyre, assistant secretary to President Roosevelt, who wrote for the president; Robert Kingery, director of the state department of public works; Hugh Findlay, landscape architect; J. C. Blair and H. B. Dörner, head of horticulture and floriculture, respectively, at the University of Illinois; Peter W. Fuerst, of Lima, Ohio; Roscoe Hoff, secretary of the American Gladiolus society; William Chalmers Covert, moderator of the Presbyterian church in the United States; C. Stuart Gager, director of the Brooklyn Botanic garden; Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., national commander of the American Legion; George P. Hambrecht, director of the Wisconsin state board of vocational education; Clifford Raymond of the Chicago Tribune; F. Lauriston Bullard, chief editorial writer of the Boston Herald.

Another of the interesting letters received was from the Abraham Lincoln society of Northern California which expressed a desire of its members to "enter into the active work of collecting our California contribution as soon as possible."

It is hoped that all states in the union and foreign countries may be represented in the garden in a similar manner for, as David Lloyd George said in his address in Springfield October 18, 1923, "Abraham Lincoln is one of those rare men whom you do not associate with any particular creed, party, and not even with any country, for he belongs to mankind in every race, in every clime, and in every age."

Lincoln Memorial Garden Proposed

Feb 13-1936

Great area of 60 acres along shore of Lake Springfield in Illinois to be planted and dedicated this spring through contributions from each of the 48 states under the sponsorship of the Garden Club of Illinois.

Special to The Christian Science Monitor
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 13—An Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden—60 acres of beautiful shore land stretching three-quarters of a mile along Lake Springfield here—to be constructed and landscaped by contributions from each of the 48 states, will be planted and dedicated this spring in celebration of the 127th Lincoln birthday anniversary, it was announced here yesterday.

This announcement came as three states—Washington, Florida and Kentucky—notified the special memorial committee of the Garden Club of Illinois, sponsors, of their acceptance of the invitation sent to all states to contribute to the shrine. These states will send plants, trees and shrubs. Inquiries have been received from 10 other states the committee revealed.

Unique Shrine

As stone monuments to Lincoln exist in great number, and as books have been written almost too numerous to count, residents of Lincoln's home city in collaboration with the Illinois Garden Club and national figures from the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Henry Ford, and Mrs. Vachel Lindsay to David Lloyd George of England wished to see a unique shrine established here in Lincoln's home city.

To the nation it will be a different kind of a memorial. One to which each state and its local organizations can contribute. It is designed to be a memorial that will not be finished by this generation but will increase in beauty at the hands of the children and grandchildren of its present sponsors, the Garden Club of Illinois.

In describing the shrine, the landscape architect, Jens Jensen, of Chicago, said:

"Where the spirit of Abraham Lincoln touches every tree and flower, there a garden is to be built to his memory."

15 Council Rings

Scattered along the lake shore will be 15 council rings with stone benches around central fireplaces for club and tourist meetings. Trails, edged with flowers, will cut through the park, and bronze plaques will mark each state's contribution.

Lake Springfield, a body of water of some 4500 acres, was formed last year to provide a water supply for the city, and it offers an admirable setting for a garden such as this.



Promoters of Lincoln Garden Plan

Mrs. T. J. Knudson, Who Launched the Project, and Jens Jensen, Landscape Architect, on a "Root Bridge" in the Park at Springfield, Ill.

nal charge because of his interest in the idea.

His plans have just been released. They call for plantings of the many lovely trees and shrubs and wild flowers which grow in the three states Lincoln knew as home—Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. Plantings will be in natural lanes, permitting glimpses of the lake from many points.

Planned on Large Scale

Mr. Jensen's description gives a hint of what may be expected here.

"The Lincoln Garden," he writes, "has been planned on a large scale, in keeping with our country of which the garden is part. Certain plants are used in large masses to emphasize their beauty and give a feeling of greatness. It will be a real inspiration to see hundreds of our native crabapples blooming in a sunlit lane, backed by the deep shadows of the woodlands, or the fleeting

The Garden Club of Illinois is carrying on the work with funds raised at its annual Chicago Garden Show. It has invited garden clubs, patriotic organizations and individuals to join with it. Already a number of them have indicated their willingness to "adopt" a grove or a clump or a lane and supply the necessary nursery stock.

Anyone who wishes to have the smallest part in planting the garden may do so, but there is to be no intensive drive for funds, according to its sponsors. Gardens, like orchards, take years to develop, and gardeners know the virtue of patience and calm.

Slow Development

They do not want to hurry this project. Trees that are not planted this year can be planted next. The plan is there; the development can come naturally. At present, Mrs. T. J. Knudson of this city, who originated the garden memorial idea, is keeping scrupulous record of every contribution, however small, with the name of the donor so that it can eventually be inscribed on an honor roll.

Mrs. Knudson, an active Garden Club member, maintains headquarters for the project in her pleasant farm home, Glad Acres. She has the cordial co-operation of Mr. Jensen, who is giving his services at a nomi-

blossom of the plum or snaw touched with the rushing snowflakes of a belated April storm.

"The lower levels along the margin of Lake Springfield has been dedicated to our sun-loving flowers. Thousands of lilies, phlox, and other friends of the open lowlands will greet you in festive array and speak of the beauty the pioneer beheld when first entering the Illinois land."

The garden is not to be treated solemnly, but is expected to be the scene of many happy gatherings of gay young people and their elders. A dozen or more council rings have been planned to attract such gatherings. These rings consist of stone fire-pots surrounded by circular benches.

The Council Rings

"I love the council ring," Mr. Jensen wrote in his description. "It is democratic in conception; here one is no more than the other. The friendly fire on the hearth in the center is inviting. These council fires are in the depth of the woods, or at the edge of sun openings, or near the lake shore where their flames send greetings across the water to other people. The largest ring has been named for Lincoln. It retreats in a grove of white oak, the stately and sturdiest tree in Illinois."

The location of the garden just outside of Springfield is particularly appropriate. Lincoln's home is pre-

served here, the only one he ever owned. Here also is the great Lincoln Memorial in Oak Ridge Cemetery in which are eight statues representing Lincoln at different stages of his career. The old courthouse, in which he gave one of his famous speeches, still stands on "the square," as well as other buildings he knew.

New Salem, Lincoln's pioneer village home near Springfield, has been restored. Many travelers visit Springfield to see all these things. In the years to come, they will be able to see also something of the fresh woodland Lincoln knew in his youth. Many will no doubt feel nearer to this American leader here than they could beside any memorial of stone.

COMPLETION OF LINCOLN GARDEN SET THIS YEAR

Seven Stone Council Rings at
Lake to Be Started This
Spring

Work on the development of the Lincoln Memorial Garden on the east shores of Lake Springfield will be underway as soon as weather conditions permit, according to Mrs. T. J. Knudson, who returned Saturday from Chicago after a week of conferences on the memorial with committees from garden clubs throughout the state.

Mrs. Knudson, who first planned the garden five years ago and who has been active on the project since it was undertaken in 1936 by the Garden club of Illinois, expressed confidence that the garden would be completed this year, with the exception of the planting of certain wild flowers that need shade for their protection.

First to be started this spring are seven stone council rings measuring 30 feet in width and costing \$300 each. Two rings already are finished—the 50-foot Lincoln council ring sponsored by the Springfield Civic Garden association and the smaller ring built by the late Mrs. Mabel Jacques, president of the state association—and three more are yet to be donated to the garden.

The Springfield association will plant the area around its council ring this spring with a forest of white oak, a lane of Sheepberry hazel, red-bud and flowering dogwood trails and areas of New Jersey tea and prairie roses on the slope leading down to the lake.

Another planting will be a grove of oak and maple back of the roadside provided by funds received from the Divernon, Waverly, New Berlin and Hillsboro Woman's clubs and contributions made from garden clubs as far away as Maine.

Twenty-four other Illinois garden clubs have contracted for the seven council rings, new sections for forests, lanes, groves, trails, and flower plantings. The state garden club will complete the entire roadside border planting this spring, and Mrs. William L. Karcher of Freeport will add to the lotus and lily planting at the south pool.

Work of dredging the pool and clearing the grounds has been carried on all winter by WPA labor donated by the city, which also will put in parking areas and direction markers and grade the roads within a few weeks.

Unique among tributes and thought to be the first of its kind in the world, the garden comprises 60 acres along the lake shore north of Cottage Grove. Jens Jensen, noted landscape architect, outlined plans for the garden, and garden associations and interested organizations and friends throughout the world are aiding the state garden association in sponsoring it.

We build monuments to men but not enough to women!

There ought to be a monument in this city, in some form or another, to the late Mrs. G. Clinton Smith, pioneer in establishing woman suffrage in Illinois!

Scorned in the early days of her campaign—actually ridiculed by some women and many men—she struggled early and late, climbing up and down the old Register office stairs, conscious of the almost hopeless struggle, but confident of success because she knew her cause was just!

We wish she were alive today to see the fruits of her work! We recall the sweetness of her smile, the loveliness of her purity, the sublime sincerity with which she placed her life upon the altar of service for her country and for others!

Just such another fine woman of this day is Mrs. T. J. Knudson of "Gladacres," Springfield, director of Juniors, Garden Club of Illinois, who finds inspiration in the beauty and fragrance of flowers, the grandeur of trees and the Christian idealism of gardens!

We regret that we were unable to attend the charming gathering Monday night with Mrs. Knudson, Hon. James M. Graham, Commissioner Spaulding, Senator Logan Hay, Mrs. Paul Taft, et al, at Recreation Center on the lake, when Jens Jensen, Chicago, landscape architect selected the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden site on the shores of Lake Spaulding!

Loveliness for today! The sweet serenity of enduring flowers and trees for posterity! God's great, glorious out-of-doors in an Eden-like setting—and all in the name of constructive thinking and living which the name, Lincoln, symbolizes! This was the theme of the evening!

"Here," says Jens Jensen, "all life indigenous to the region should find a sanctuary in which young and old can learn what tolerance and love for mute life means, where they may feel and understand the power and the purpose of creation—mankind's greatest gift—one with creation—one with God!

"Monuments and statuary are but cold material," he adds, "growing things are life—eternal youth!"

For making such beautiful, smileful expressions articulate here in Springfield, great honor must go to Mrs. Knudson!

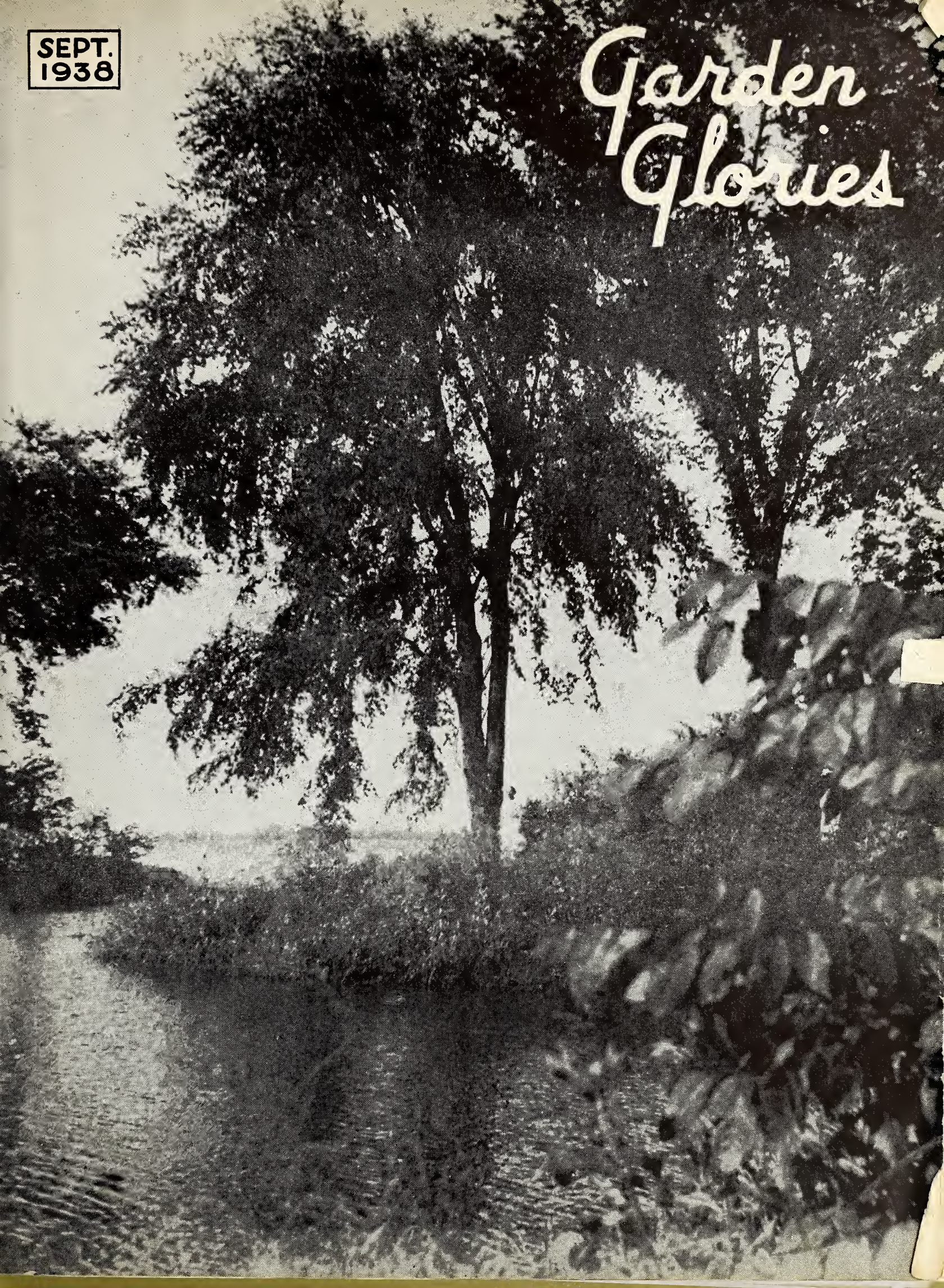
We toss these little posies of appreciation at her feet and recommend the planting of a comforting shade tree in her honor in the projected Memorial Garden!

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COMING EVENTS

September 1—Horticultural Exhibit, LaGrange Park Garden Club—At First Methodist Church.

September 8 and 9—Flower Show, Garden Department of Beverly Hills Woman's Club.

September 9—Flower Show, Garden Club of Oak Park and River Forest. At River Forest Tennis Club.

September 9—Western Springs Garden Club Flower Show—At the Village Club, Western Springs.

September 12—Meeting Garden Club of Illinois—At the Elmhurst Country Club, Wooddale Road.

September 13-14—Community Flower Show, Garden Club of Morgan Park—At the Church of the Mediator, 110 and Hoyne avenue, 2 p. m. until 10 p. m.

Mondays in October—3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 2 p. m. Lectures John van Gemert, At Morton Arboretum.

Wednesdays in October—5, 12, 19, 26 at 2 p. m. C. E. Godschalk at Morton Arboretum.

Fridays in October—7, 14, 21, 28—Lectures, E. L. Kammerer At Morton Arboretum.

October 4—Semi-annual meeting Garden Club of Illinois tour of Lincoln Shrines and dedication of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden—At Springfield.

October 5—Visit to reconstructed village of New Salem and luncheon at Wagon Wheel tea room—Garden Club of Illinois.

A view of the water lily inlet at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden. The tiny figure is that of Mrs. Charles Walgreen, Director of the Garden Club of Illinois, who will build the bridge across the inlet. The bridge, the largest at the garden, will be about seventy-five feet in length.

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THE HEADQUARTERS of the Garden Club of Illinois will reopen October 10 in the Palmer House. Mrs. A. W. Harris, secretary will be in attendance.

Schedules for the 1939 Chicago Flower Show are ready and will be sent to the presidents within the next few days. Entries should be chosen early. Mrs. Mark Cresap will again be in charge of registrations.

GARDEN CLUBS are invited to send news of their clubs to the Editor.

Garden Club of Illinois To Dedicate Memorial Garden In Tour of Lincoln Shrines

THE Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden, planted by the Garden Club of Illinois, will be dedicated during a tour of Lincoln shrines at Springfield Tuesday, October 4. This will be the semi-annual meeting.

The dedication will be the high point of the two day meeting of the state organization which will open just before noon Tuesday with a luncheon at the Leland Hotel.

Immediately following the members will go to the Lincoln tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery where wreaths will be placed by Mrs. George Plamondon for the Illinois Garden Club and Mrs. O. W. Dynes for the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

Proceeding to the Lincoln Memorial Garden, the dedicatory service will be held and the plantings made by clubs and individuals inspected.

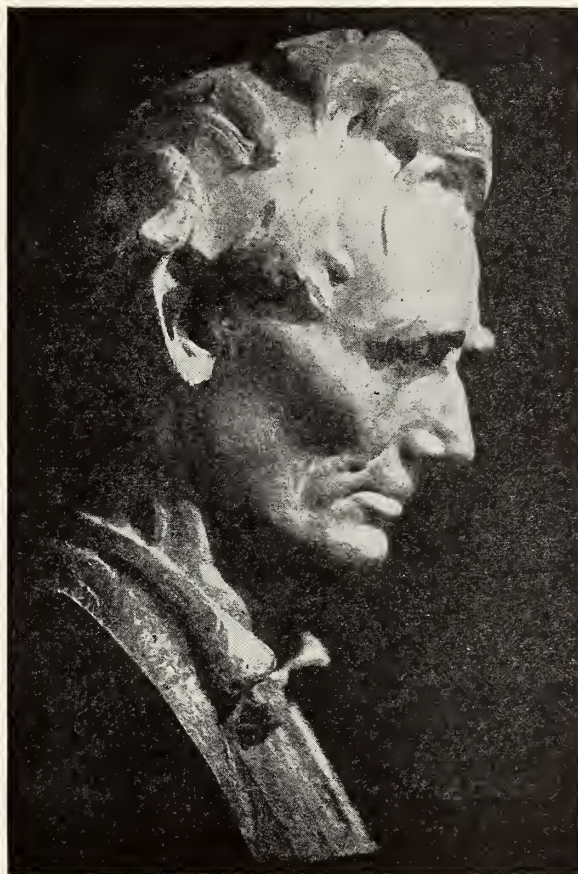
Paul M. Angle, historian and author, will deliver a short address at the service, which will be held in the Lincoln Council ring, built by the Springfield Civic Garden Association.

At the close of the program, Boy Scouts will light council fires in the completed council rings throughout the garden. Afterwards, the many plantings will be inspected. Informed guides will be present to conduct club members through the garden to plantings they wish to see.

Returning to the city Lincoln's home will be visited,—the only home Lincoln ever owned, which is now preserved by the state and open to the public.

At 4:30 tea will be served at the Governor's mansion, the historic building so close to the center of the business district.

At 7:30 a dinner will be served in the banquet hall of



"I have always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow."

—A. Lincoln.

the Leland Hotel. Governor Henry Horner, Mayor John W. Kapp, Jr., and Paul Angle will be guests and it is hoped Mr. Jensen will also be present. Mrs. O. W. Dynes, president of National Council of State Garden Clubs, will be the speaker.

Wednesday morning a trip will be made to the reconstructed village of New Salem and the Garden Club members will lunch at the Wagon Wheel, a tea room close by, before disbanding.

Those who bring their own cars will be given a map of the route, or a member of the Garden Club will accompany them, as desired. Those coming by train will be provided with transportation by the Springfield Club members. It is very necessary when making registration, to indicate whether or not transportation will need to be provided after arrival in the city. The committee in charge of the arrangements includes Mrs. J. Cameron Aspley, hospitality chairman of the Board of Directors, Mrs. H. R. Armbruster, also a member of the Board, and Mrs. T. J. Knudson, resident chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Garden.

Headquarters will be at the Leland Hotel. There are several excellent hotels in Springfield and delegates should make their reservations as desired.

The registration fee covers only the expenses of the first day's meeting; the visit to New Salem and luncheon there is optional.

Registrations are to be made with Mrs. H. R. Armbruster, 710 South Seventh street, Springfield, before Thursday, September 29, and members are requested to use registration blanks provided on page 16 of this issue.

"Impressive Memorial," Says Governor Horner

The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden, on the shores of beautiful Lake Springfield, will, within but a few years, be one of the impressive memorials dedicated to the Great Emancipator.

The project of the Garden Club of Illinois, the Memorial Garden is so located that one can view, but a few miles to the north, the City of Springfield and its many Lincoln

shrines—the city of which Lincoln said: "I chose for my home".

The Garden Club of Illinois truly deserves the hearty thanks of all Illinois devotees for its sponsorship of this beautiful and lasting memorial.

Henry Horner



Jens Jensen, designer of the Lincoln Memorial Garden explains a detail of the plan to Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Knudson. That this great garden has become a living reality is due to the broad vision and limitless energy of Mrs. Knudson, more than to any other thing. But without the interested co-operation and wise counsel of Dr. Knudson it would have been difficult, if not impossible, for her to accomplish the amazing results that so short a time has brought. A great deal of the work of Garden Club members on their large projects, as local groups and as state organizations, could not be done were it not for the interest and indulgence of the husbands.

The Lincoln Memorial Garden

THE IDEA OF the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden originated with Mrs. T. J. Knudson, an active member of the Springfield Civic Garden Association and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Garden Club of Illinois.

When Springfield was starting the tremendous project of turning the waters of several small streams into a great made lake in the beautiful countryside south west of the city. Mrs. Knudson dreamed of a great garden extending along the lake shore and planted with the beautiful native trees and shrubs and flowers of Illinois which should be a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln.

With Mrs. Knudson, a dream is the starting point for activity. She approached the mayor John W. Knapp and the Commissioner of Public Works Willis J. Spaulding, and meeting encouragement, brought the matter before the Board of Directors, of which she was a member. Here it was enthusiastically received; the plan was sent on to the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and there unanimously endorsed. At this time Mrs. O. W. Dynes was president of the Garden Club of Illinois.

DURING THE presidency of Mrs. Euclid Snow the actual work was started. Jens Jensen, internationally famous

for his naturalistic plantings, was commissioned to draw the plans.

The City of Springfield offered the Garden Club of Illinois a choice of several sites, and Mr. Jensen with the committee studied each carefully. All were beautiful, but the one chosen Mr. Jensen declared to be almost ideal. There were a few fine large trees of hard wood here and there but for the most part the gentle slopes and meadows, the little hills and valleys, lay open to the sky. "Here", he said, "we can paint our own pictures."

He visited the site of the garden many times that first year, studying it in each of the seasons and early the spring of the year following the plans were finished. With them came the simple notation:

"I know this has taken a long time, but no good work is done in haste.—I have given you the best I had to give."

During the presidency of the late Mrs. Willard Jaques, the work of planting proceeded rapidly. Garden Clubs responded enthusiastically to the idea and arranged plantings which should

be club projects. Lincoln students and organizations closely akin to the Garden Clubs such as the Wild Flower Preservation Society and the Chicago Outdoor Art League made contributions, wishing to be represented in this great memorial which is also conservation in one of its highest phases.

A GREAT DEAL of preliminary work was needed before the garden was ready for the plantings, as the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden, when completed, will be, not an arboretum, a forest preserve, or plant collection, but a great garden, each area carefully planned, and planted with the flowers and shrubs and trees and grasses native to Illinois. The land has been farm land for generations and remnants of old hedge rows criss-cross it. These had to be taken out. Some grading was necessary, and the lily pool had to be dredged. In the early spring several of the little valleys between the hills became impassable because of the water draining through them. These were tiled. Two small streams which bisect the garden were left undisturbed. It is over one of these little streams that the root growth of a great elm makes the "natural bridge" of the garden.

Where the trails cross these streams foot bridges made of heavy timber will be built. Five of these bridges are already in, beautifully designed and sturdily constructed. No two

are alike and each has been planned for its particular space. At the "natural bridge" a rough seat has been made on the bridge with two great logs. The seat has been placed here because of the great beauty of the old tree and the proposed planting of the banks of the stream.

The City of Springfield has constructed a graveled parking area near the entrance, and a comfort station nearby in a heavy natural growth of crabapples and thorns.

The Garden Club of Illinois is greatly indebted to the City of Springfield for assistance in many ways through various departments and to the WPA, which has furnished approximately 30,000 hours of labor in the past two years. No one not having seen the site of the garden when work was started can possibly appreciate the work that has been done,—the planting, cultivating, taking out the old hedge rows, transplanting more than five thousand native crabapples and other shrubs, building the five bridges, and all the other work that has been necessary. Owing to the close of the present project this help is at present not available, but an extension has been applied for and assurance has been given that this will be approved in time to take care of planting this fall and the future work that needs to be done. Mrs. Knudson, who has been resident chairman since the first, is at the garden every morning when planting is being done or construction work going on, inspecting the work and determining what next needs attention. She keeps in touch constantly with Mr. Jensen, who visits the garden often to check on the work.

"THE LINCOLN Garden is being built on a large scale," said Mr. Jensen, "in keeping with our great country of which this garden is a part. To be true to the name of Lincoln this garden must sing the song of America.

"In centuries to come, our descendants will enjoy and cherish this garden, therefore only plants the most fitting and enduring as proven by nature through untold centuries of elimination, are to be used—trees that will give dignity and nobility to the garden in ripe old age and scatter their seed and produce their offspring as far as man's vision goes, in the distant to-morrow.

"The garden will have loveliness and repose. Here all life indigenous to the region should find a sanctuary in which young and old can learn what tolerance for mute life means.

"I know of no idea more noble or more fitting as a memory for our Great American than a garden. Monuments and statuary are but cold material. Growing things are life—eternal youth."

Springfield Pleased With Garden

The Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Springfield, Illinois, wish to express to The Garden Club of Illinois our gratification of your acceptance of our offer of a tract of marginal land at our new lake, for the establishment of an Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden.

We hereby reiterate and confirm the offer made through the Springfield Civic Garden Association that we will aid said enterprise in every way possible by watering, policing and permanently caring for same.

(Signed):

John W. Kapp, Jr., Mayor.

Harry B. Luers, Comm. Dept. Accounts and Finance.

Otho L. Caldwell, Comm. Dept. Public Health and Safety.

Fred Van Horn, Comm. Dept. Streets and Public Improvements.

Willis J. Spaulding, Comm. Dept. of Public Property.

For Your Memory Book



Jens Jensen studying site chosen by Mrs. Willard Jaques for the building of a Council Ring. Here the rise from the lake is abrupt and the view in all directions most beautiful.



Mrs. Jaques, happy that here through the years many people will rest and enjoy this beauty, drives the first stake marking the circle. This picture was made shortly before her death.



The completed Council Ring. The Evanston Garden Club has planted the surrounding area. On the slope to the lake there will be a few fine trees, behind the ring, a forest.



PROGRAM OF MEETING

Tuesday, October 4

11:30—Registration at headquarters at Leland Hotel.

11:45—Luncheon.

1 P. M.—Placing of wreaths at Lincoln's Tomb.

ham Lincoln Memorial Garden
dent Chairman, Mrs. T. J. Knudson
Gladacres, Springfield, Ill.



Dr. Louis A. Warren
1225 Maple Ave.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

The woods, the prairie, the armies
Of humble men where malice fails
And charity for all avails—
These are the shrines that still enfold
The heart of Lincoln as of old.
Whose living legend runneth thus:
We loved him; he was one of us.

September 29. No telephone reservations.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Leland Hotel or other hotel selected.

Luncheon checks will be paid individually at the Wagon Wheel Wednesday noon.

☐ Check here if you plan to go to New Salem Wednesday. For clubs in the northern part of the state, it is on one of the splendid highway routes home.

Will you need transportation in Springfield Yes ☐ No ☐.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

DESIGNER, JENS JENSEN

PROJECT of the GARDEN CLUB OF ILLINOIS

MRS. GEORGE PLAMONDON, President

Referred to *Mr. Warren*

REC'D FEB 13 1940

Answered

February 12, 1940.

OFFICE OF A. F. HALL

Dear Friend:

The Garden Club of Illinois extends a cordial invitation to you to share with us a meeting to be held at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden Tuesday, May 21st. This will be the second pilgrimage of the members of the Garden Club of Illinois to our great Living Memorial.

At this time the rail fence, which will mark the boundary, will be constructed, with fitting ceremonies. Provision will be made that some of the rails used may be split on the grounds during the ceremony, using a wooden maul and wedge such as was used by Abraham Lincoln. A number of Lincoln students have expressed the desire to share in this meeting in this way: The white oak logs for the rails are being procured from near the site of old Sangamon town where Lincoln built his flat boat in 1831.

Because of your keen interest in Abraham Lincoln, we felt that perhaps you might enjoy a more intimate knowledge of this living memorial which will grow in beauty as the years come and go, and which, we feel, presents a pleasing picture even at this early stage of its development. The beauty of May in the Garden foretells the magnificent spectacle it will be when the thousands of crabapple, redbud, dogwood, etc., will have reached their full beauty.

Included in the program will be tours to New Salem and other Lincoln shrines, through the co-operation of the Abraham Lincoln Association.

If you are interested in this meeting and would like to have further details, we shall be very glad to send them. This preliminary announcement is being sent early so that it may be mailed on Lincoln's birthday, at the newly created post office--LINCOLN'S NEW SALEM.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. J. Knudson

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Resident Chairman

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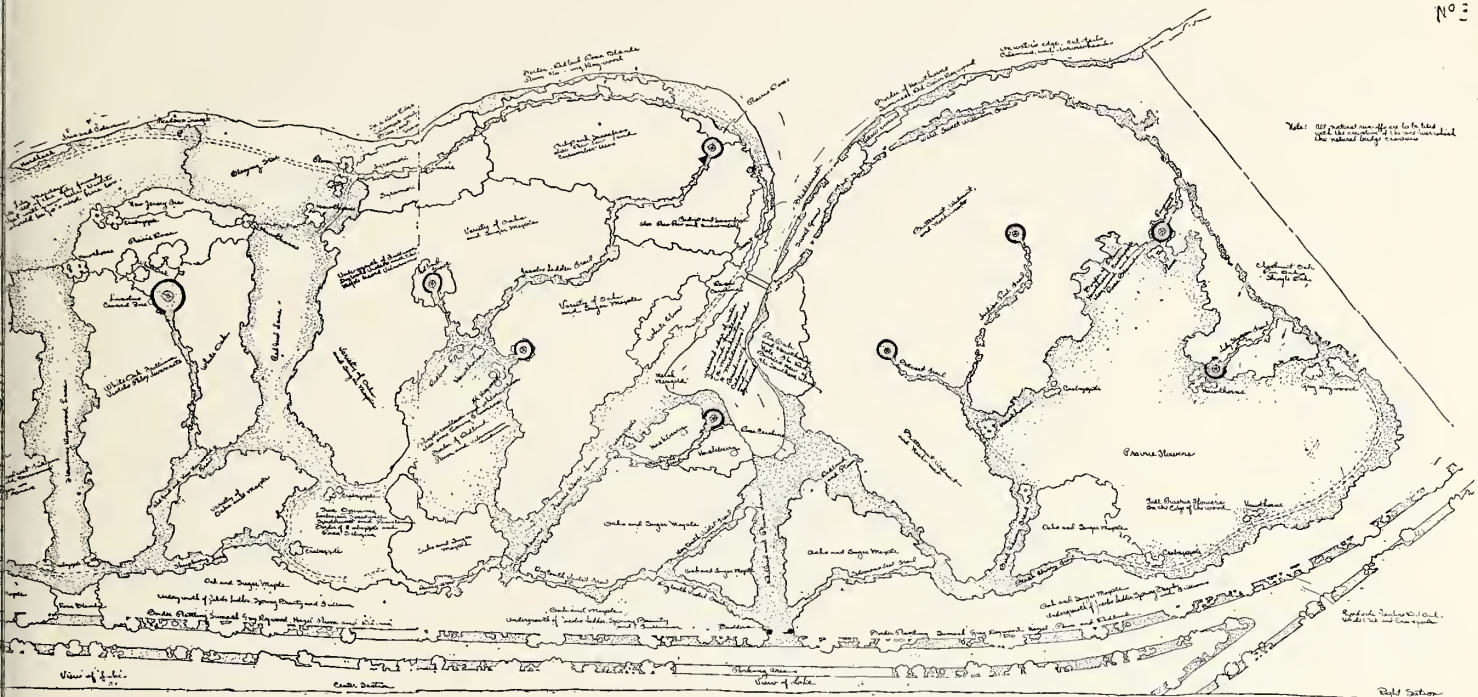
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN



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View of Lake Springfield from Lincoln Memorial Garden

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN

May 2, 1940

Mrs. T. J. Knudson
Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden
Gladacres
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Madam:

It is with regret that I advise you that it will be impossible to participate in the interesting pilgrimage which you have arranged for May 21 and 22.

It appears to me that you are doing an exceptionally fine thing in continually keeping before the people at all times of the year the contribution that Lincoln made to the country.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

GARDEN CLUB OF ILLINOIS

Dear Friend:

For your further information on the Second Pilgrimage of the Garden Club of Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln Garden and other Lincoln Shrines in Springfield, Illinois, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and 22 -- we herein submit the program:

SECOND PILGRIMAGE

to the

Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden and other Lincoln Shrines, Springfield, Illinois

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and 22, 1940

Headquarters - St. Nicholas Hotel

Tuesday A. M. -- 10 to 12 -- Registration

12:30 P.M. -- Luncheon

2:00 -- Tour to Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden, by way of Route 66

2:30 -- Ceremony of Splitting Rails and Building of Fence -- Mayor John W. Kapp, presiding

Splitting of Rails -- Members of Abraham Lincoln Association

Building of Fence -- Representatives of Clubs having shared in the Garden

Address -- Mr. O. L. Shriver of Peoria, Illinois -- Introduced by Mr. Paul M. Angle

Music -- The Springfield Municipal Band

Tour of the Garden, with pause at various plantings and Council Rings

Opening of the bridge presented by Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen

Dedication of the Mabel Jaques Fountain and the Fountain at the Lincoln Council Ring

Opening of the bridge presented by Mrs. Raymond Knotts

Return to Springfield taking drive around Lake

7 P.M. - Banquet -- St. Nicholas Hotel, Mrs. H. R. Armbruster, presiding

Address of Welcome -- Mayor John W. Kapp

Response -- Mrs. Warren W. Shoemaker, President of the Garden Club of Illinois

Music -- The Cimco Octet

Introduction of Guests with brief response from the following:
Mrs. L. T. Warren, Mrs. George Plamondon, Mrs. Wm. L. Karcher, Mrs. Euclid Snow, Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy, Mrs. Raymond Knotts and Mr. Jens Jensen, designer of the Lincoln Garden

Addresses -- This Living Memorial -- The Garden Club of Illinois, Mrs. O. W. Dynes; The Abraham Lincoln Association, Dr. Harry E. Pratt, Executive Secretary

Wednesday 9 A.M. - Tour of other Lincoln Shrines -
Lincoln's Home -- Lincoln's Monument -- Placing of wreath by Mrs. Warren W. Shoemaker, President of The Garden Club of Illinois - Lincoln's New Salem -- Luncheon at The Wagon Wheel

A registration fee of \$3.00 will be required which will take care of luncheon and dinner Tuesday. A registration blank is enclosed for your convenience--please indicate time of arrival. Those coming by auto, stickers for parking privilege will be given you as you arrive at the Headquarters at St. Nicholas Hotel, corner of Fourth and Jefferson Streets.

If you desire to devote more time to other of the places of Lincoln historical interest, Dr. Harry E. Pratt, Executive Secretary of The Abraham Lincoln Association will assist you.

Please make hotel reservations early at St. Nicholas or Leland Hotels or other hotel of your choice. No reservations are available at the Abraham Lincoln due to another convention. If you can not secure accommodations at hotel selected, send us your reservations and you will be taken care of thru the Chamber of Commerce.

Abraham Lincoln Association members who would like to share in the ceremony of rail splitting will please indicate this on registration blank.

Presidents of Garden Clubs having shared in the Lincoln Garden will please give names of two who will represent their club in the ceremony of the building of the rail fence.

Registration blanks will be in the next issue of Garden Glories, to be out May 1.

Mrs. T. J. Knudson
Resident Chairman

REGISTRATION BLANK

SECOND PILGRIMAGE OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF ILLINOIS

TO THE

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN AND OTHER LINCOLN SHRINES

Tuesday May 21 and Wednesday May 22, 1940, Springfield, Illinois

Name _____

Address _____

Club _____

Enclosed find \$3.00 to cover cost of registration, luncheon Tuesday noon, and banquet Tuesday night. This does not include hotel expense or luncheon Wednesday at The Wagon Wheel at New Salem. No receipt will be sent. You will receive ticket for meals when you register at St. Nicholas Hotel headquarters Tuesday A.M. Return this blank with check for \$3.00, made payable to Mrs. H. R. Armbruster, 710 S. Seventh St., Springfield, Illinois.

Registration with check must be in by Friday, May 17.

Hotel reservations must be made direct.

_____ Check here if you expect to have lunch at Wagon Wheel in New Salem Wednesday. Luncheon checks will be paid individually Wednesday.

Will you need transportation in Springfield? Yes _____ No _____

When do you arrive? Train _____ Auto _____

Abraham Lincoln Association Members wishing to share in ceremony of Rail Splitting, please check here. _____

Presidents of Garden Clubs having a share in Garden please give name of two, who will represent your club at ceremony of building of fence.

Has your club had a share in the Lincoln Memorial Garden? Yes _____ No _____

Club Representatives, _____

MAY 12, 1940.

MADE

Lincoln Memorial Garden

Blossoms for Its Sponsors

Annual Pilgrimage of the Illinois Garden Clubs to
Their Lakeside Park in Springfield Will Find
The Plants in Their Height of Bloom

New York Times 5-12-1940

By BERNICE STEVENS

Members of the Garden Clubs of Illinois will have an opportunity to view their own project, the Lincoln Memorial Garden, in all its Spring glory when they make their annual pilgrimage to Springfield May 21 and 22. Featured on the program will be the splitting of rails by members of the Abraham Lincoln Association for an old-fashioned rail fence to mark the boundaries of the garden. Invitations to the event were mailed to garden clubs throughout the country on Lincoln's birthday, having been carried by pony express to the postoffice at New Salem village, restored town where Lincoln spent a portion of his youth.

The Lincoln Memorial Garden is a cooperative project of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, with contributions also by garden clubs and organizations in other States and by the Garden Club of America. The garden, which covers sixty acres, is part of a park reclaimed from farmland along the shores of man-made Lake Springfield. It was started in 1936, the idea originating with Mrs. T. J. Knudson, active member of the Springfield Civic Association and former member of the board of directors of the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Springfield was selected as the site for these extensive plantings of flowers, trees, shrubs and plants native to Illinois because that city was Lincoln's home for so many years.

Paths in the Garden

Still in the formative stage, the garden has now assumed a definite plan and is well filled with many plantings. Jens Jensen, landscape artist, has planned the gardens as a harmonious whole. Wooded and planted lanes open into beautiful meadows at the water's edge, little trails wind through the forest,

cross the meadows, skirt the sun openings planted with brilliant prairie flowers, and lead back to the council rings. The council rings are great circular stone seats placed at spots chosen for their beauty. A revival of the ancient Indian council rings, they will serve as gathering and meeting spots.

Each member garden club has assumed responsibility for a specific planting of its own. One club, for instance, has contributed a witch hazel trail, another a lotus and lily pond, another a violet trail. Individual members and clubs also are responsible for a wide variety of forest plantings; a sycamore grove, a Juneberry lane, a wild rose lane, a Bird Cherry and Black Cherry trail, a lakeside planting of hardhack and meadowsweet and a Downy Arrowwood trail. The Garden Club of America has contributed an oak and hickory forest.

Tribute to Lincoln

In pointing to their garden as an appropriate growing tribute to Abraham Lincoln, members of the garden committee cite the Great Emancipator, who said of agriculture: "Every blade of grass is a study; and to produce two where there was but one is both a profit and a pleasure. And not grass alone, but soils, seeds and seasons—hedges, ditches and fences—drainage, droughts and irrigation—plowing, hoeing and harrowing—reaping, mowing and threshing—trees, shrubs, fruits, plants and flowers—the thousand things of which these are specimens—each a world of study within itself." On the cover of their booklet on the garden the committee also uses the quotation: "I have always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow."

SECOND PILGRIMAGE
of the
GARDEN CLUB OF ILLINOIS
to the
ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN
AND OTHER LINCOLN SHRINES
Springfield, Illinois
May 21-22, 1940



Guests of the
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PROGRAM

Tuesday Morning, 10 to 12—Registration

Tuesday Afternoon

12:30—Luncheon.

2:00—Tour to Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden, by way of Route 66.

2:30—Ceremony of Splitting Rails and Building of Fence—Mayor John W. Kapp, presiding.

Splitting of Rails—Members of Abraham Lincoln Association.

Building of Fence—Representatives of Clubs having shared in the Garden.

Address—Mr. L. O. Schriver of Peoria, Illinois—Introduced by Mr. Paul M. Angle.

Music—The Springfield Municipal Band.

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Invocation—Rev. Jerry Wallace, Pastor Christ Church.

Address of Welcome—Mayor John W. Kapp.

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Dr. Harry E. Pratt, Executive Secretary, The Abraham Lincoln Association.

Wednesday Morning

9:00—Tour of other Lincoln Shrines:

Lincoln's Home.

Lincoln's Monument. Placing of wreath by Mrs. Warren W. Shoemaker, President of The Garden Club of Illinois.

Lincoln's New Salem.

Luncheon at The Wagon Wheel.

ROUTE OF TOUR IN ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN, FOLLOWING THE FLAGS

Through Garden Club of America Hillside, crossing Oak Park and River Forest Bridge—Nursery of redbud and hawthorn at the right—to Walgreen Bridge over Lotus Pool (Mrs. Wm. L. Karcher) overlooking Wild Flower Society Ravine—Through Shady Lane (Garden Study Club of Hinsdale) to Mabel Jaques Council Ring and Fountain, in Evanston Area—over Aurora Bridge through Wheaton Area—Central Clubs Council Ring to left—across Natural Bridge (Lombard) through Grove of Oak and Maple (Little Garden Club of Evanston), through Hazel Trail (Nature School) Kenilworth Home and Garden Club Council Ring and the Lake Forest and Hinsdale Areas to the left—through Silver Bell Trail (Waukegan), past Crabapple Lane (Glencoe) to Lincoln Council Ring and Harriet Knudson Fountain in Springfield Area—thence through Redbud Lane (Rockford)—South Cook County Council Ring to right—past Chicago Out Door Art League Council Ring to Jessie Knotts Bridge—thence to Mary Dynes Council Ring—through Redbud and Plum Trail (South Shore) over Sod Bridge (Fox River Grove) beside Committee Ravine and Walnut Bridge—through Elm Grove (Maywood) past Redbud and Plum Trail (Ravinnia) through Bird Cherry Trail (Glen Ellyn)—Western Springs Prairie Sun Opening to right—to Barrington Council Ring.

From here groups will be conducted to all other club areas.



No other human occupation opens so wide a field for the profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought, as agriculture. I know nothing so pleasant to the mind as the discovery of anything that is at once new and valuable—nothing that so lightens and sweetens toil as the hopeful pursuit of such discovery. And how vast and how varied a field is agriculture for such discovery! The mind cannot fail to find there an exhaustless source of enjoyment. Every blade of grass is a study; and to produce two where there was but one is both a profit and a pleasure. And not grass alone, but soils, seeds, and seasons—hedges, ditches, and fences—draining, droughts, and irrigation—plowing, hoeing, and harrowing—reaping, mowing, and threshing . . . trees, shrubs, fruits, plants, and flowers—the thousand things of which these are specimens—each a world of study within itself.

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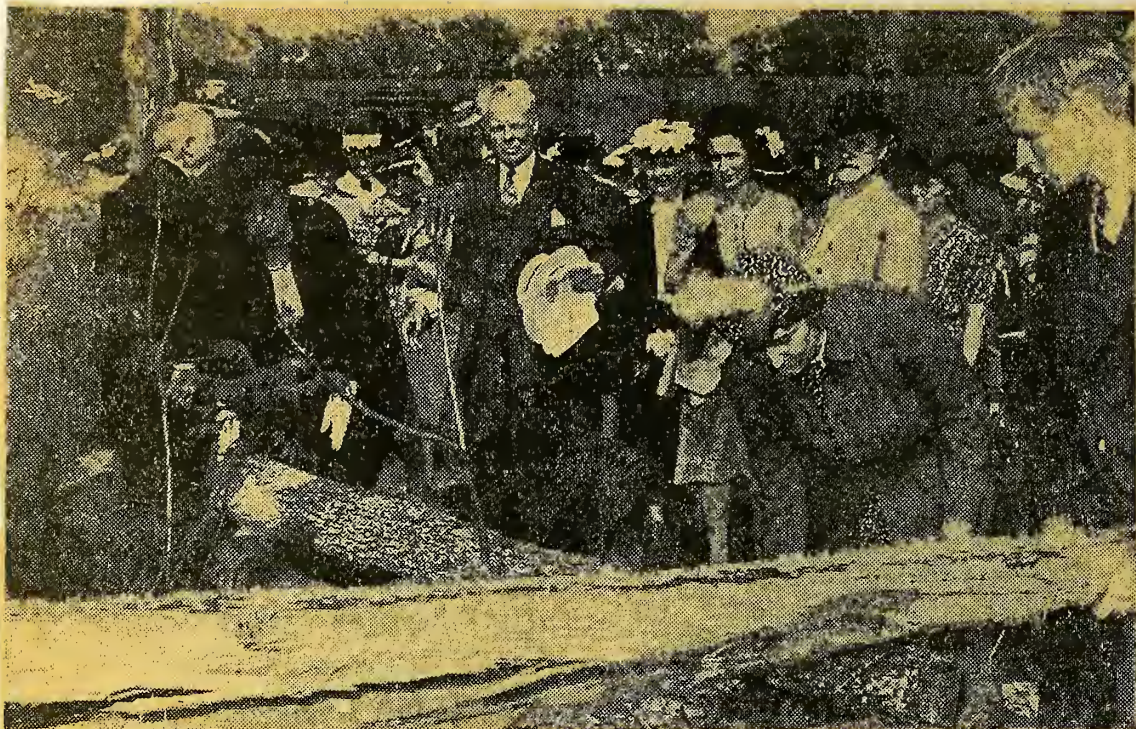


ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1940

Railsplitting Is Feature At Pilgrimage To Lincoln Memorial Garden



Lincoln shrines and make a trip to New Salem where they will have luncheon.



—State Journal Photos.

Scenes at the second annual pilgrimage to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial garden by the Garden Club of Illinois yesterday afternoon are shown above. At upper left Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen of Dixon is opening the bridge, a birthday gift from her late husband, she presented to

the garden. At the right is Mrs. T. J. Knudson, who led the tour.

Railsplitters are shown in the upper right. In action is Jens Jensen, designer of the garden, while, looking on, from left to right, are James M. Graham, Mayor John W. Kapp, Dr. T. J.

Knudson, L. O. Schriver of Peoria and Charles F. Castleman.

In the lower photo Mrs. George Plamondon, left, retiring president of the club, and Mrs. Warren Shoemaker, Winnetka, newly elected president, right, are placing the first rail in the building of the fence.



Dog-Tooth Violets

THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN GARDENS

Long ago in April when Abraham Lincoln walked from the New Salem hill with its blossoming red-buds and its drifts of sweet william in the woods, and tramped to Springfield on the wet springtime prairie, there were flowers everywhere. The oak woods were full of delicate April blossoms that had sprung up quickly as soon as the frost was out of the ground. There were dancing white dog-tooth violets, frail little spring beauties, colonies of may-apple umbrellas which pushed up like mushrooms after April rains, nodding shooting stars, white anemones, and comical jack-in-the-pulpits.

Today, in order to preserve a portion of the trees and flowers which are part of the Lincoln country, the Garden Clubs of Illinois, at the suggestion of the Springfield Civic Garden Club, began the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Gardens at Lake Springfield. Since

1935 the fifty-acre tract bordering part of the east shore has been left as a natural wooded and open area; native Illinois wild plants and trees have been transplanted to a woodland-upland setting.

Now in spring the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Gardens are renewing their promise to keep the old pioneer prairie flowers alive and growing. In ravines there are sweet williams and bluebells and violets. Shooting star blooms in the sunny places; there are marsh marigolds and cattails on swampy shores, white shadbush on the slopes. Along the road the garden is bordered with redbud, wild plum, and wild cherry in a splendid, colorful mass in April.

The gardens are open to the public and may be reached not only by automobile but by the Lake Springfield bus which makes regular daily trips to and from the lake.

Illinois Memorial Garden Pays Tribute to Lincoln

By Dorothea Kahn Jaffe

Special Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Chicago Few men have been given a memorial as stirring as the one designed to honor Abraham Lincoln in his home town of Springfield, Ill.

Sixty prairie acres that were almost barren less than 15 years ago have been restored so that they begin to resemble the wooded, blossomy countryside Lincoln tramped as a boy. With the warm winds of spring this year there will appear masses of red bud on dark branches, drifts of pale dogwood flowers, budding oaks, lanes of fragrant pink crabapple, and thousands of native wildflowers. All will pay tribute to the Illinois lawyer who has become a world symbol of the things democracy stands for.

The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden is by no means finished yet—it should never stop growing—but its plant and tree life has reached a stage that calls for a formal debut. So for the first time there is to be a "pilgrimage" (May 3 and 4) as part of the state's annual Garden Week. The Garden Club of Illinois, sponsor of the Lincoln Garden, is planning the tour.

The rapid restoration of these denuded acres is a surprise even to those who have followed the enterprise rather closely. In the late '30's, when Mrs. T. J. Knudson of the Springfield Civic Garden Association proposed the memorial, it seemed a good idea, but one which would take at least a generation to bring to fulfillment.

Flowers and Acorns

A few years after the planting I drove down to Springfield to see the garden, and there wasn't much to see besides hopes. The trees were what Mrs. Knudson called "little whips." Acorns from the many Lincoln memorials about the country and from 28 states had been planted by Boy Scouts, but the seedlings were still tiny. Wild flowers were making a struggling start amid tall grasses.

The plan, designed by Jens Jensen, landscape architect, was superb, and you could believe that one day there would be a redbud lane here and a sumac thicket there, but you supposed it would

be posterity that would be enjoying it all.

But nature works faster than most of us realize unless we are blessed with the starry faith of a Mrs. Knudson. One snowy morning recently I had a surprise. Mrs. Knudson came to Chicago with a suitcase full of color slides of the garden to show the board of the Garden Club of Illinois and some other friends.

Here were the most encouraging "before and after" pictures. First we saw the treeless pastures of 1937; then the early plantings and construction work; and finally the same areas as they were last spring, with glowing sumac-bordered paths in the fall, and full of native wild flowers, violet, bloodroot, anemone, marsh marigold. The tiny oak seedlings had grown into trees.

Members Join In

Mrs. Knudson said nothing of the work that has gone into this project, but those who have followed it know what it has meant. At the start, enthusiastic leaders in the Garden Club of Illinois persuaded local clubs to give landscape units—a redbud planting, a dogwood trail, a council ring, and so on. Mrs. Raymond Knotts, a devoted garden clubber, gave 156 talks to that many clubs. Others contributed their time. The result was \$141,000 for the purchase of nursery stock and other materials.

WPA labor provided by Springfield and the federal government made it possible to plant without cost to the clubwomen. Mrs. Knudsen put in full time as a foreman. She also planted countless wild flowers. Other members of the Springfield garden club did the same.

The wild flower planting continues. Visitors to the spring pilgrimage are invited to bring growing contributions. There's one strict requirement, however. Everything put in must be a native of one of the three states Lincoln lived in.

When the garden club women explain this stipulation, they quote the designer:

"To be true to Abraham Lincoln's name, this garden must sing the song of America." That's just what it does.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

PROJECT of the GARDEN CLUB of ILLINOIS

Designer JENS JENSEN

You are cordially invited to share with us the tour of
The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden and other Lincoln shrines
and historic homes in Springfield, Illinois, May 3-4, 1951,
as a part of Illinois Garden Week.

PROGRAM May 3

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11:00 A.M. Placing of wreath at Lincoln Tomb by the President
of the Garden Club of Illinois, Mrs. J. Wilson McAllister.

HOMES. (Open 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.)

Edwards Place - 701 North Fifth Street. Home of
the Springfield Art Association.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Schlangen, 1220 South
Grand Avenue, West. (Former home of Logan Hay)

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abels, 1700 Park Drive.

3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Tea at Governor's Mansion. Homes and
Governor's Mansion will be decorated by the Springfield Civic
Garden Club. (This will take the place of the Annual Spring
Flower Show.) Tickets (\$1.20 for the entire day, tax included)
to be presented at the Homes and Governor's Mansion.

7:00 P.M. Banquet, Hotel Abraham Lincoln. Speaker, Dr. Harry
E. Pratt, "This Living Memorial." Banquet \$3.50. Reservations
to be made with Mrs. H. R. Armbruster, 710 South Seventh Street,
Telephone, 2-1053, by April 30th.

May 4

9:00 A.M. - Leave Springfield from Sixth and Capitol (with
escort) for Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden.

10:00 A.M. Brief ceremony at Lincoln Council Ring - placing of
fagots on Council Fire.

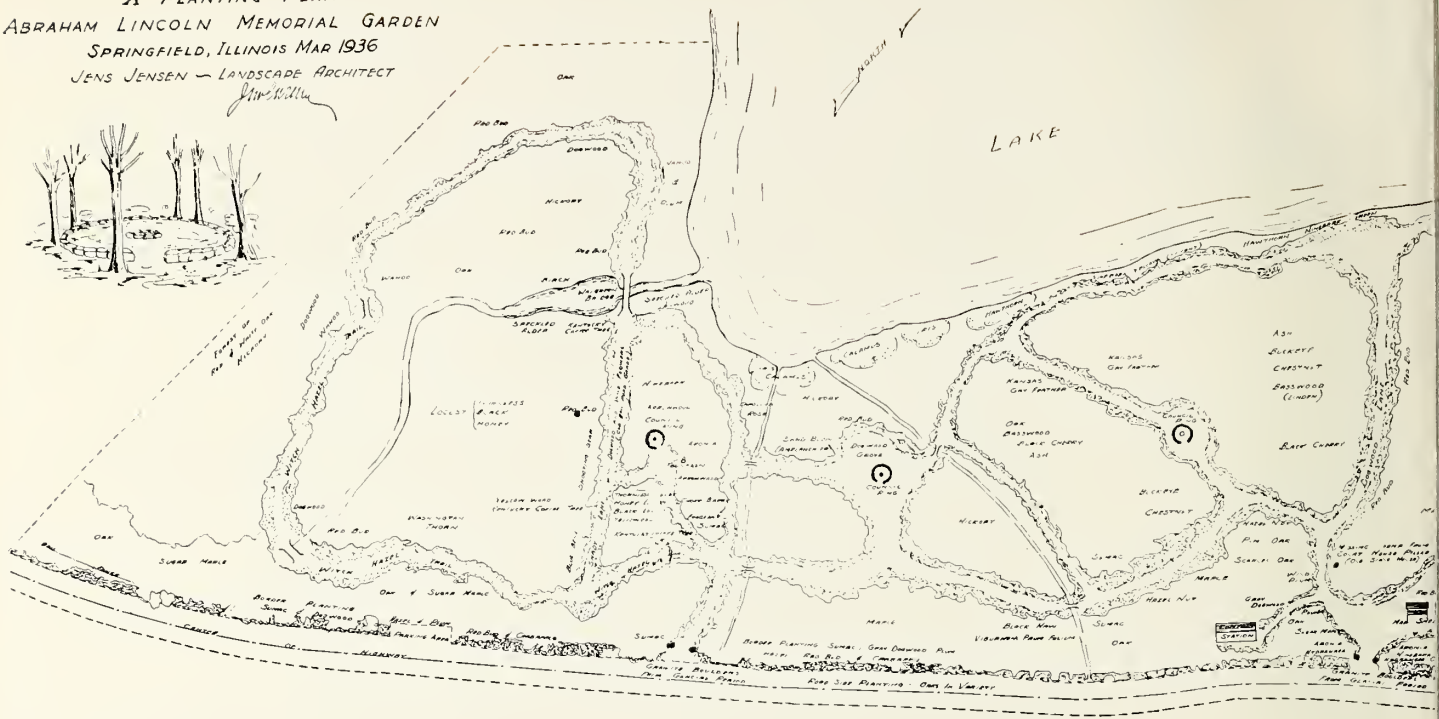
Tour of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden with guides.

Drive to Lincoln's New Salem - Luncheon at the Wagon Wheel.

The Garden Club of Illinois

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN

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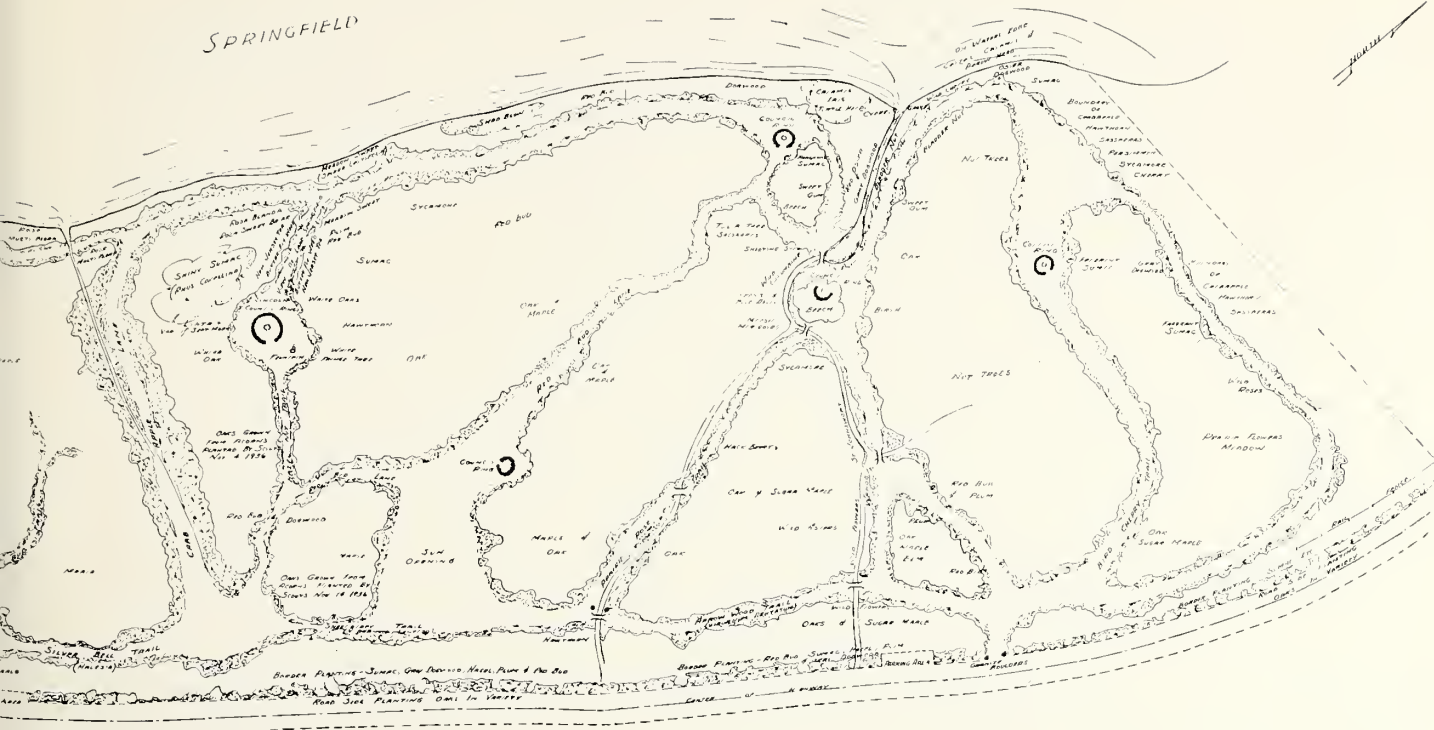
At the top of this page is the plan for the Lincoln Memorial Garden as it was drawn for the Garden Club of Illinois in 1936 by Jens Jensen, master of naturalistic landscape design. The garden was then 60 empty acres along the shore of the newly created Lake Springfield. Tramping across its limitless spaces, the eager enthusiasts of the garden club would unroll the map and say, "See, this will be here, and this here, and this here", rejoicing in their distant dream. But already in these few short years, the things ARE here and here and here. The emptiness has been devoured by eager growth. The slopes and meadows are clothed in living glory. The vision that lived only in the eyes of the dreamers stands real for all to see.

The vision is not, of course, complete. Nor will it be until these growing forest trees lift their mighty heads against the sky. But the oaks that were acorns fourteen years ago are trees now. You



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NOVEMBER 14, 1936.
GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS PLANTING ACORNS.



GARDEN BEGINS TO FULFILL ITS PROMISE

can stand in their modest shade. And the smaller growths, the shrubs and flowering trees, have come to a stage of riotous profusion. Already they must be restrained or they would overrun the lanes and usurp the sunny openings where wild flowers bloom in the grass as they bloomed for Lincoln long ago. And in their springtime blossoming, those thorn and crabapple, redbud and dogwood, shad and the silverbell dress these hills and hollows in vibrant splendor.

In this vaulting undertaking, the Garden Club of Illinois has set out to recreate in Lincoln's memory a sizable segment of forest and prairie that shall be as it was when he knew it, and that shall endure forever. The City of Springfield has engaged to nurture and preserve it. And generation after generation of Americans will feel closer to the living Lincoln for having come here.

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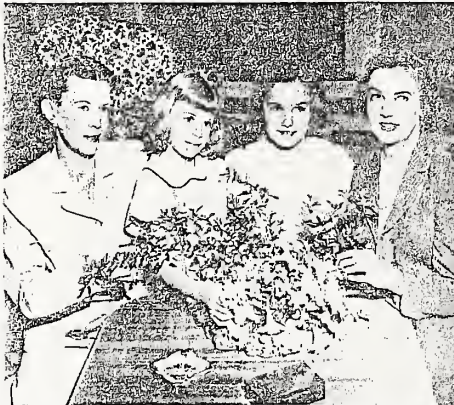
ACORN OAKS FEBRUARY 25, 1951.
THE ACORNS HAVE GROWN AND SO HAVE THE SCOUTS.

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Lincoln Memorial Garden to Benefit from Week-end Tour at Walgreen Estate



Mrs. Paul R. MacAlister, Garden Club of Illinois board member (left), and Mrs. Kenneth E. Lankton, Waukegan visitors, watch from window of Mrs. J. Cameron Astley's Glencoe home for abatement of unexpected shower.



Lake Bluff mother-daughter quartet of horticultural enthusiasts (from left) are Mrs. George Lake Jr. and Laura Lee, and Wynne and her mother, Mrs. Bruce W. Kenyon. Girls share their mother's interest in plans for garden days next Saturday and Sunday at Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen's country estate, historic Hazelwood, near Dixon.



Mrs. Robert J. Miller (left) and Mrs. Gilbert H. Scribner Jr. join group at Mrs. Astley's home to discuss week-end plans for Hazelwood benefit sponsored by Garden Club of Illinois.
(TRIBUNE PHOTOS)



While admiring hostess' flower arrangement, Mrs. Henry J. Burt (left), Mrs. William Hagenah Jr. (center) and Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen recall that the garden days will find Mrs. Walgreen's famous collection of morning lilies in full bloom. Benefit at Hazelwood, where Lincoln visited, is for the Abraham Lincoln Memorial garden at Springfield.

Springfield

The
Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden

A WOODLAND GARDEN

Springfield, Illinois

Designed by Jens Jensen

Project of the Garden Club of Illinois



*"This Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom,
and Government of the people, by the people and for the people,
shall not perish from the earth"*

Abraham Lincoln

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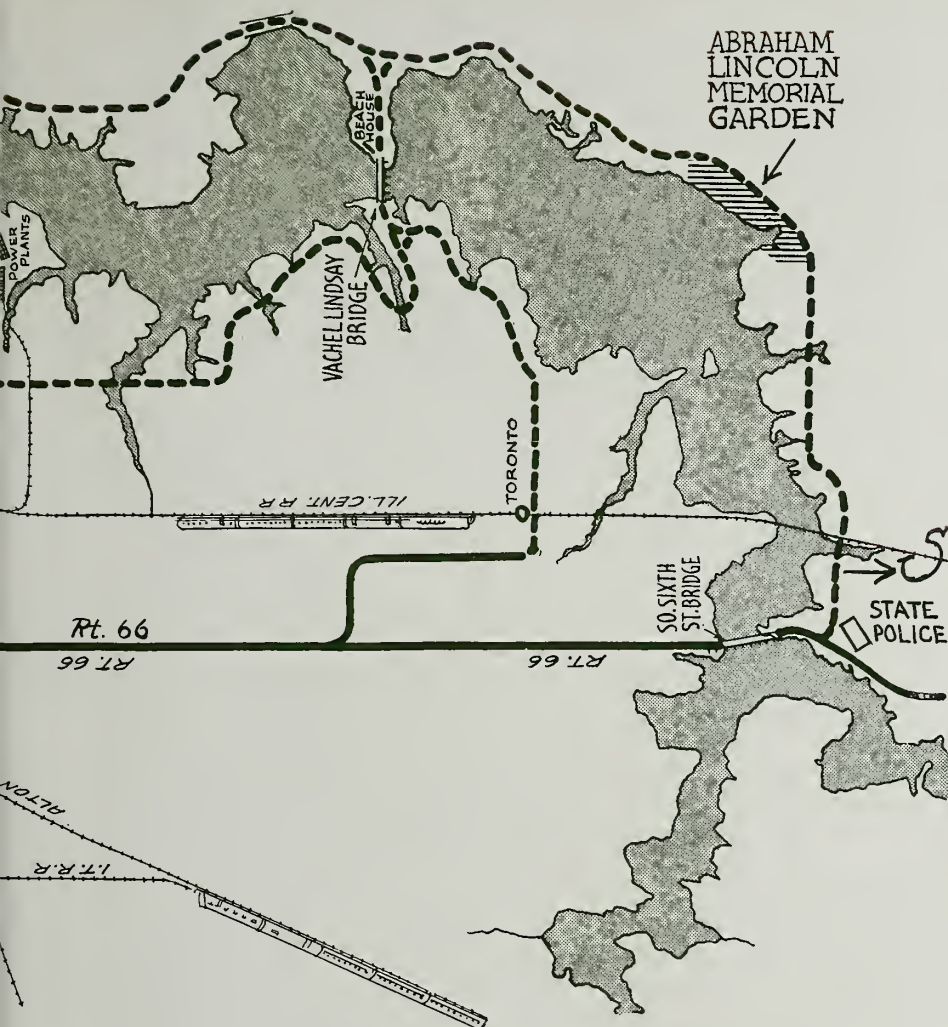


THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden was planned to recreate the native Illinois landscape that Lincoln knew.

The trees, shrubs and flowers planted here were all a part of the early Illinois landscape, and include some that civilization and cultivation have all but made extinct. They are the growing things familiar to Lincoln in his lonely, thoughtful walks. Here can be found a knowledge of the background against which he lived most of his life, the prairie scenes and the prairie outlook with its sharp imprint of the individualistic pioneer era.

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1932-34. The City of Springfield set aside and dedicated this sixty acre area, with its rolling topography and long shoreline, for the purpose of an Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden. As this land had been cultivated for generations, there were less than a dozen trees in the entire area.

Jens Jensen, internationally famous for the great beauty of his naturalistic plantings, was chosen as the designer. When he accepted the commission he said, "I have received many honors, both here and abroad, but to be asked to design a garden that will be a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln, I consider the greatest honor of them all." On completion of the plans he wrote: "This garden will sing the song of America. It will be a real and true tribute to the great and gentle Lincoln."

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Covering the hills are the lofty trees of Illinois—the maples, the coffee tree, the hickories, the sweet gum as well as the oaks. The borders of the woodland are the beautiful small trees—the redbud, the white dogwood, the plum, the shad, the silver bell tree; and the shrubs—the many viburnums, the ninebark, the fragrant raspberry, the prairie rose.

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The Lincoln Memorial Garden is . . .

A Place for Peace and Contemplation in an environment dedicated as a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln.

77 Acres along the shore of Lake Springfield devoted entirely to plants, trees and flowers native to Illinois. It was designed by Jens Jensen, internationally famous for his naturalistic plantings.

Trails for Walking. There are approximately five miles of nature trails. Along these quiet, leafy walks are sturdy benches, provided by various State Garden Clubs, rustic bridges and eight "council rings" - great circular stone seats around paved areas of native stone, a friendly gathering place for groups.

A Dream Come True. The idea of this living memorial took shape in 1932-33 when Lake Springfield was being formed. At this time the City of Springfield, with the Commissioner of Public Works, Willis J. Spaulding leading the way, set aside and dedicated this selected area for the purpose of an Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden. In 1934 the Garden Club of Illinois agreed to sponsor it as a major project and engaged Jens Jensen to draw the plans. The dreams and organizational ability of the early Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. T.J. Knudson, Mrs. Raymond Knotts and Mrs. Charles Walgreen made the project a reality.

A Nature Center Building which was constructed in 1965 as a headquarters for Garden activities. This serves as an interpretive center for groups on field trips and provides office space for the Garden's staff as well as space for the Split Rail Gift Shop and an exhibit room.

The Split Rail Shop where unique nature related gifts are offered for sale. These are made by volunteers and provide a major source of income for Lincoln Memorial Garden. An excellent selection of commercial products and quality craft items are also available.

Supervised by a Naturalist. A Director and Naturalist supervise the Garden and the Nature Center, conduct field trips, present programs and plan activities.

The Lincoln Memorial Garden Offers . . .

Field Trips for Nature Study and Environmental Education for thousands of school children from the Springfield School District and surrounding communities.

In School Programs presented by the naturalist in the class room during the winter months.

Girl and Boy Scouts, 4-H members and other youth groups the use of the Garden in their nature activities and civic projects.

Areas for Nature Related Groups such as the Audubon Society, Sierra Club and Garden Clubs for their field trips and programs.

Workshops for Volunteers to learn the skills needed to create the unusual decorations and gifts offered for sale in the Split Rail Shop. Pinecones, buckeyes and other natural material are utilized in the crafting of these unique items.

A Place for Family Fun; being together to enjoy and appreciate the beauty and wonder of nature. Family festivals include Indian Summer Festival, Maple Syrup Time and Blossom Time.

Memberships. Lincoln Memorial Garden is managed by the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden Foundation, a non-profit organization, and currently receives no tax support from any governmental agency. Memberships in the Garden are tax exempt and include a monthly newsletter, a 10% discount in the Split Rail Shop, and the chance to participate in a number of craft and nature related workshops.

Annual membership contributions (tax deductible) are available in the following categories:

MEMBERSHIPS

Senior	\$9.00
Active	\$12.00 or \$16.00
Contributing	\$25.00
Sustaining	\$35.00 or more
Life/Individual	\$150.00
Life/Husband & Wife	\$200.00
Club, business or organization	\$35.00 or more
Garden Clubs	\$25.00

SEND MEMBERSHIPS & CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

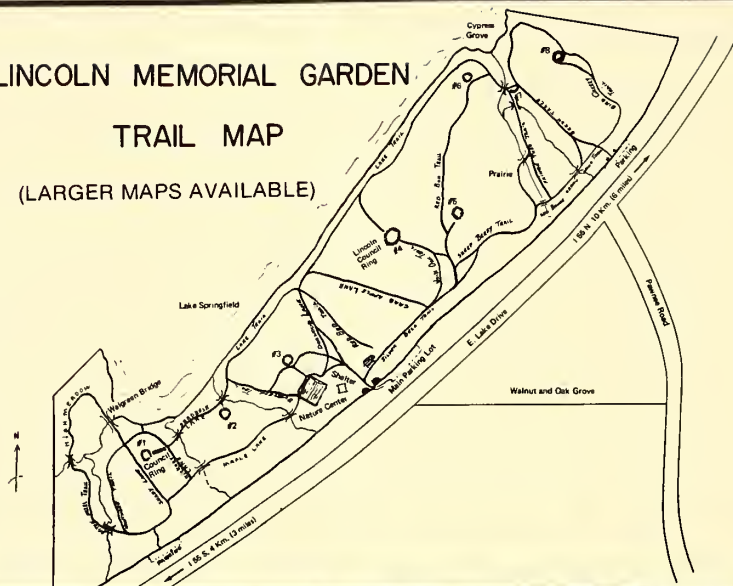
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TRAIL MAP

(LARGER MAPS AVAILABLE)



SEASONAL EVENTS AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN



Blossom Time

Every year from mid-April to mid-May the Garden comes alive with a dazzling display of spring flowers. *Blossom Time* at Lincoln Memorial Garden offers the visitor a chance to enjoy the color and fragrance of native wildflowers, trees, and shrubs in full bloom. Guided nature hikes are offered on Sunday afternoons during this time enabling the visitor to learn more about the Garden's spring flora.



Indian Summer Festival

The brilliant scarlets and golds of autumn provide the perfect backdrop for this blend of arts, crafts, food and entertainment. Hot cider and apple fritters, chair caning and rail splitting, banjo picking and story telling; these are just a few examples of what's in store for the visitor at Lincoln Memorial Garden's annual *Indian Summer Festival*. Held the second weekend of October, the Indian Summer Festival is sure to please the entire family.



Maple Syrup Time

When the sap starts rising in the maple trees and the days begin to get longer and warmer, the people here at Lincoln Memorial Garden begin their annual *Maple Syrup Time*. Held from mid-February to mid-March, Maple Syrup Time is a sure cure for anyone with a case of cabin fever. This is a chance for visitors to view and participate in all the steps of maple syrup production including tapping trees, collecting sap and boiling the sap down to maple syrup. Free public demonstrations are given each Saturday and Sunday during Maple Syrup Time.



Holiday Market

Throughout the year, the Nature Center's Split Rail Shop is overflowing with beautiful hand-crafted items made by volunteers right here at the Garden. The highlight of the year is the Split Rail Shop's annual *Holiday Market*, held during the middle of November. The Holiday Market is the culmination of a year's work, at which a wide variety of items, perfect for holiday decorating and gift giving, is offered for sale. Refreshments and entertainment add just the right touch to make the Holiday Market the perfect setting for all your holiday buying.

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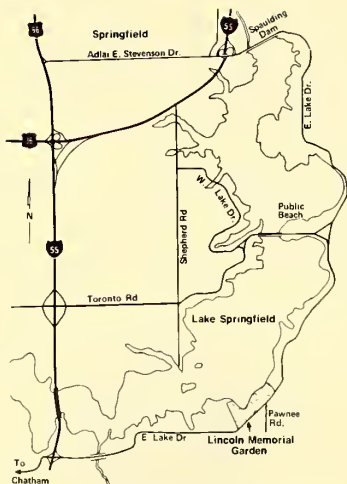


A Garden of Volunteers

Lincoln Memorial Garden relies upon a strong force of volunteers for carrying out its educational programs and also for maintaining the grounds, building and gift shop. Mowing grass and pruning trees, leading interpretive hikes for school children, fashioning hand-crafted items for the Split Rail Shop, or providing help in the office, are just a few examples of the jobs performed by our dedicated volunteers.

Individuals are not the only ones who contribute their time and effort in maintaining the Garden. Groups such as boy scouts, girl scouts, garden clubs, civic organizations and church groups also provide a source of volunteers and community support.

The Garden is constantly changing and growing and we're always looking for new volunteers to provide fresh ideas and much needed support. If you or your group have some extra time and enjoy working with children, crafts, or in the out-of-doors, or are willing to learn, call the Nature Center at 529-1111 and let us welcome you into our corps of volunteers.



Lincoln Memorial Garden is on the south side of Lake Springfield about 11 miles from downtown Springfield, three miles east of the Chatham Interchange on Interstate 55 (Exit 88) just south of the Lake Springfield bridge.

The Garden can be reached also from southeast Springfield by leaving I-55 at the Stevenson Drive Interchange and following East Lake Drive for 6 miles.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Kentucky Acorns to Be Planted In Lincoln Gardens

Tall oaks, from historic places in Kentucky, some day will delight the eye of tourists and visitors at the Lincoln Memorial Gardens at Springfield, Ill. The planting of these acorns is planned for Saturday, November 14, at the sixty-acre park along the shores of Lake Springfield, by school children of the Illinois capital and the Garden Club of Illinois.

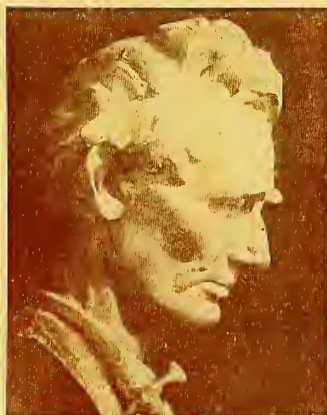
Kentucky's acorns for seeding oak groves in the historic park were forwarded by the Garden Club of Kentucky to the Lincoln Memorial Garden Committee. They were gathered from the inspiring oaks of the Lincoln Farm at Hodgenville, Ky., by Mrs. John M. Cissell, and from Beechland, Ky., where on June 12, 1804, Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married. Mr. W. L. Bolderich, Springfield, supplied these acorns.

Jen Jensen, internationally famous landscape architect, designed the Lincoln Memorial Garden at Springfield. The lake alongside which is laid out is a 4,000-acre body of water. The garden will be part of a great park section.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
of the
*Abraham Lincoln Memorial
Garden Foundation*

Cordially invites you to enroll as a member in this organization, which has been designed to help in the continuing development of this beautiful sixty acre tract of shoreland at Lake Springfield, which, in addition to being a fitting memorial for our great Illinoisan and American, Abraham Lincoln, is important horticulturally and as a conservation project.

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Dr. Louis A. Warren
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Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden Foundation



THE WALGREEN BRIDGE

The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden was created as the first living memorial to the Great Emancipator, and perpetuates, within its sixty rolling acres, the virgin prairie of the Pioneers. Its wide grasslands and wooded hills recapture in miniature the free expanse and solitary beauty of the wilderness.

Stretching back from a busy highway to the quiet waters of Lake Springfield, the garden gives visitors a glimpse of the frontier country that produced Abraham Lincoln, world citizen and President of the United States.

Planned and executed by the Garden Club of Illinois, it follows a pattern of growth and renewal that develops each year to a more beautiful maturity.

Said Jens Jensen, when he designed the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden for the Garden Club of Illinois in 1935: "In centuries to come, our descendants will enjoy and cherish this garden. Only the most fitting and enduring plants are to be used—trees that will give dignity and nobility to the garden in ripe old age and scatter their seed and produce their offspring as far as man's vision goes in the distant tomorrow. I know of no idea more noble or more fitting as a memorial to our great American than a garden. Monuments and statuary are but cold material. Growing things are life—eternal youth." Now the garden has come to a time of transition. The original planting by the Garden Club of Illinois and member clubs was finished by 1941. The City of Springfield, which gave the Garden Club of Illinois the sixty acre tract along the shore of Lake Springfield, then took over the task of protecting and providing partial maintenance of the garden.

The maintenance and protection have been meticulously given. But this great garden, like any other, must have renewal and replenishment in addition to maintenance. The original plantings of trees and shrubs have attained a growth that transforms the garden from a prairie to a young forest. It is time to plant in this new shade varieties of woodland flowers that could not live in the open.



ONE OF THE BRIDGES IN THE BERWYN AREA

Growing things, as Jens Jensen

said, are life. Life changes constantly. It will always be time, now and down through the generations, to replace plant materials lost to the vicissitudes of weather, to make new plantings where the shifting development of the forest offers situations of special advantage.

The Garden Club of Illinois feels that all who cherish Lincoln's memory should be given the opportunity to help in developing the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden into that "pure symphony of living beauty" its designer set out to create.



ONE OF THE COUNCIL RINGS OVERLOOKING THE LAKE

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LAKE GARDEN DESCRIBED BY CHICAGO MAN

Memorial Project Originated
With Mrs. Knudson, Speaker Declares

The Abraham Lincoln Memorial garden on the shores of Lake Springfield was the subject of a recent radio talk given by William Ziegler Nourse of Chicago for the Garden Club of Illinois. The talk was broadcast over Station WLS.

The address opened with the story of the development of Lake Springfield and its possibilities, and then told how a plan dreamed by a Springfield woman, Mrs. T. J. Knudson, grew after it was presented to the Garden Club of Illinois and to the Springfield mayor and commissioners.

The plan was the creation of a garden sanctuary along the lake shores as a living, growing memorial to Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Nourse told of the securing of Jens Jensen, internationally known landscape architect, to design the garden and superintend the planting.

"Remember this is not a ready made garden. No giant trees have been moved into place; no full grown shrubs have been set out," Mr. Nourse said in his address. "Young trees, saplings, small shrubs, thousands of acorns, together with the roots and seeds of thousands of flowers, have been carefully gathered and planted just where each belongs."

That the garden is a garden "of the people, by the people and for the people" was emphasized by the speaker in telling of the various organizations who have had a part in furthering the project.

WILL HANDLE GARDEN PLAN

Noted Landscape Architect to
Select Memorial Site on
Lake Monday

Jens Jensen, Chicago, noted landscape architect, will be in Springfield Monday to begin plans on the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden, which will be situated on the shoreline of Lake Springfield.

The site for the garden will be selected Monday afternoon by Mr. Jensen, Mayor John W. Kapp, Commissioners Willis J. Spaulding, Harry B. Luers, Otho Caldwell and Fred Van Horn, and a committee from the Garden Club of Illinois, which is sponsoring the memorial.

There are four proposed sites for the garden, each containing 20 to 40 acres of marginal land which has been offered by the city of Springfield to the Garden club of Illinois.

It is likely that the 40 acres of land facing Springfield about a mile and one-half south of the proposed cottage area overlooking the broadest expanse of the lake, will be chosen.

Two of the other sites are further south near the tourist camp. The other is just south of the recreation center and the Vachel Lindsay memorial bridge.

Endorsed by Clubs

The Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden has been endorsed by many civic clubs and prominent public figures, both of the United States and abroad.

Many of the clubs and individuals, who have endorsed the garden, and who are urging its erection, have sent in opinions on how it should be erected. All of these will be carefully considered by the committee.

Mr. Jensen will begin on the plans immediately after surveying the site. He has a wide experience in this work, having received his formal education in agricultural and horticulture colleges in Denmark, Germany and the United States.

He was employed as park superintendent and landscape architect in Chicago for a number of years. He was president of Friends of Our Nature Landscape and is a member of many garden clubs.

He will be in Springfield throughout Tuesday.

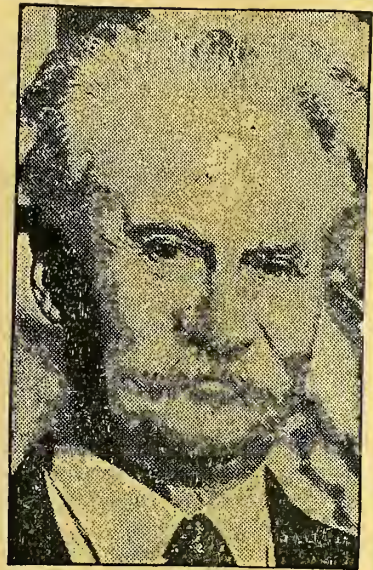
Picnic Supper Monday

A picnic supper will be given Monday evening by the Springfield Civic Garden association in honor of Mr. Jensen at the beach house at Lake Springfield at 6 o'clock.

At this time Mr. Jensen will give a brief address on the plans for the memorial garden and how it will be built.

Among the guests who are expected to attend will be Mayor Kapp, Commissioner Spaulding and other public officials. An invitation has been extended to the representatives of all local civic clubs. They are asked to be at the beach house at 6:30 p.m. to meet Mr. Jensen.

All plant material for the garden will be accepted and will be cared for in the city nursery until such time



JENS JENSEN

of planting material will be available as soon as plans are completed.

Mrs. T. J. Knudson is chairman of the project. Her committee includes Governor Henry Horner; Mrs. Euclid Snow, Hinsdale, president of the club; Mrs. Raymond Knotts, Berwyn, publicity chairman; Mrs. Paul F. Taft, board member of the local garden association; Logan Hay, president of the Abraham Lincoln association, and James M. Graham, president of the local association.

COUNCIL RING PROGRAM SET NEXT FRIDAY

Dedication to Be Held at Lincoln Memorial Gar- den at Lake

Dedication of the Lincoln council ring sponsored in the Lincoln Memorial Garden on the shores of Lake Springfield by the Springfield Civic Garden association will be held Friday, afternoon, when the University of Illinois state art extension group visits the garden as a feature of the Lincoln pilgrimage.

Following luncheon at the lake beach house, the group of more than one hundred persons, led by Dr. R. E. Hieronymous of the state university, will be conducted through the gardens by Mrs. T. J. Knudson, who first planned the memorial and has been active in its development.

The Lincoln council ring and the area around it has been made possible by the local garden association as their special part of the garden which is being completed through help from associations and interested friends throughout America and in several foreign countries.

50 Feet in Diameter

The ring, of stone, has a diameter of fifty feet and can be used as a seat for groups around a council fire. Smaller rings are being built in other parts of the garden. A grove of white oaks surrounds the Lincoln council ring, and smaller rings are being built in other parts of the garden.

Dr. Harry E. Pratt, executive secretary of the Abraham Lincoln association, will be the principal speaker for the dedication of the ring. His subject will be "The Lincoln Memorial Garden Among the Lincoln Memorials."

Unique among tributes and thought to be the first of its kind in the world, the Lincoln memorial garden comprises sixty acres on the east side of Lake Springfield north of Cottage Grove. Jens Jenson, noted landscape architect, outlined plans for the garden.

The garden is to be kept in its natural state. Wild flowers of this locality are now growing throughout the place, and water plants have been planted along the edge of the lake. A natural cove in which white water lilies and yellow lotus are planted is found at the south end of the garden, and hundreds of trees, maple, redbud, crabapple, hazel, witchhazel, wild plum, oak and others, are now planted or will be planted in locations designated by the architect.

Supervises Planting

Mrs. Knudson is supervising the planting in the garden from contrib-

utions of money or plants made by garden clubs throughout the state and other interested parties. Acorns gathered from a number of college campuses, including several in Europe, and from trees growing near other Lincoln historical sites, have been planted along lanes in the garden.

In order to complete the work sponsored in the garden by the local association, plans have been announced for a membership drive to be featured the week of June 21, so that the general public can have a part in the growing memorial to Lincoln. This is the first membership drive to be held by the association in several years.

Two kinds of memberships, regular and sustaining, each carrying membership in the Garden Club of Illinois, will be offered during the drive. The goal has been set at one thousand and new members.

Women to Aid Drive

Mrs. James J. Graham, president of the board of directors, has announced that Mrs. Irby L. Shepherd will head the drive and Miss Grace M. Cooney will act as executive secretary. One hundred and fifty women will take part in the drive.

The following women have been appointed chairmen of membership groups for the drive: Mrs. Edward P. Easley, Mrs. Clayton Barber, Mrs. Russell James, Mrs. Will Taylor, Mrs. Ralph Turnbull, Mrs. Ronald Graham, Mrs. W. B. Walraven, Mrs. Roy McKeown, Mrs. E. H. Irwin, Miss Alice Kimber, Mrs. Henry Abels, Mrs. Robert Matheny, Mrs. Ralph Dobbins, Mrs. Nathan Hahn, Mrs. John Snigg, Mrs. Michael Eckstein, Mrs. Frank Melin, Mrs. Charles Bringle, Mrs. L. C. Canham, Mrs. Montgomery Winning, Mrs. Hazel Larimore, Mrs. J. M. Stone, Mrs. W. E. Simpson and Mrs. Ira McKinnie.

Organizations co-operating in the drive include the D. A. R., Ceramics, and the Business and Professional Women's clubs.

Exhibit On Lincoln Memorial Garden At Lake Springfield Opened At Sixth And Monroe

The Springfield Civic Garden association, in co-operation with the civic committee of the chamber of commerce, yesterday opened an informative exhibit at the southwest corner of Sixth and Monroe streets to acquaint the citizens of Springfield with the progress being made on the Lincoln Memorial garden at Lake Springfield.

The display includes red bud, wild plum, and wild cherry blossoms, and a huge map showing the plans of the garden and the location of the various trees, plants, and shrubs which are already planted or to be planted. The map is the same one which was shown at the Chicago Flower show, which was attended by 250,000 persons.

The garden project, being developed as a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln, is attracting widespread interest from various garden clubs in the state. Mrs. William L. Karcher, Freeport, will come to Springfield this week to supervise the planting of water lilies and lotus, and will bring an expert with her to assist in the work. Jens Jensen, noted landscape artist of Chicago and designer of the garden, will come to the city Thursday to view the progress being made.

Garden clubs of Illinois that have assisted in making contributions and the amounts of funds donated are:

Winnetka, Wilmette, Ravinia, North Shore, \$50 apiece; Evanston and Rockford, \$100 apiece; Waukegan and Danville, \$25 apiece, and Highland Park, \$85.

Planting at the garden this spring includes 100 hard maples, 500 oaks, 600 red buds, 600 crabapple, 150 hawthorns, 100 sumac, 100 locust, 100 dogwood, 200 June berry, 100 hazel, 150 wild plum, 100 silver bell and 300 blue bells.

Citizens of Springfield are being given an opportunity to contribute to the fund, all contributions to be made to the Springfield Civic Garden association. The money will be used in development of the Lincoln council ring and for plantings in the surrounding area. Annual dues are \$1 and sustaining memberships are \$10. The treasurer of the organization is Edward Easley, First National bank.

At a luncheon meeting of the board of the organization at the Leland hotel yesterday Mrs. H. R. Armbruster and Mrs. N. C. Stockton were named as board members to fill vacancies.

The display now being shown has been made possible through courtesies extended by the chamber of commerce, the Marine bank, P. E. Mason, Pauline Baker, Coe's Book store, the Leland hotel, Springfield Lumber Co., Mayor Kapp and members of the city council.

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